

REMARKS

Claims 13-29 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 13-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 23-28 are rejected. Claim 29 is allowed.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, dated December 10, 2008 ("12/10/08 Action"), Claims 23 and Claims 24-28 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Avarbock et al. in view of Ojha et al. and over Avarbock et al. in view of Ojha et al. and further in view of Hemming et al., respectively. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the analysis set forth in the 12/10/08 Action and in the preceding Office Action dated March 27, 2008 and maintains the positions set forth in the Amendment dated July 28, 2008.

Nonetheless, for purposes of advancing prosecution, Claim 23 is presently amended to include the recitations of Claim 29 which was previously deemed allowable by the Examiner (see 12/10/08 Action at page 4). Claims 24-28, by virtue of the amendment to Claim 23, are likewise amended. Claim 29 has been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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